

# Patoka Lake Visitor Center

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Open Tuesday- Sunday, 8:30a.m. to 4p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, Closed Mondays

**WELCOME TO PATOKA LAKE-** Indiana's largest state operated property!

**Patoka Lake Interpretive Services** presents a variety of natural & cultural history

programs and special events throughout the year. Visit our website: [www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2420.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2420.htm)

## April 2011 Activities

### Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

**10a.m. - 3p.m. Resident Red-tailed Hawk** will be out in the backyard garden viewing area of the Visitor Center. Come take a close-up look.

**11:30a.m. Winged Wonders** ~ Join the naturalist for a close-up look at the raptors found around Patoka. Along with a special live guest appearance, get to know the birds of prey that you may hear in the night and see in the day. **vc**

**1p.m. Moery Story** ~ Enjoy a short walk to the reconstructed Moery Cabin. Tour the inside of the home and discover this family's journey to Wickliffe, IN. Hear about the history and stories from years gone by. **vc**

### Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

**VISITOR CENTER CLOSED**

### Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

**8a.m. – Noon Patoka Lake Cleanup Day** ~ Bring your family, friends, church, scout, or school group to help with our annual Patoka Lakeshore Cleanup event. Meet at Hoosier Hills Marina on State Road 545. A good pair of boots is recommended. Trash bags, gloves, snacks and refreshments, and other supplies will be provided. **m**

**10a.m. - 3p.m. Resident Red-tailed Hawk** will be out in the backyard garden viewing area of the Visitor Center. Come take a close-up look.

**11a.m. ~ Give a Hoot** ~ Explore the world as an owl does every day and night. Learn how owls use their senses and adaptations to survive. Meet the naturalist in the backyard garden of the Visitor Center. It's sure to make your head spin! **vc**

### Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

**VISITOR CENTER CLOSED**

ALL PROGRAMS ARE ON EASTERN  
DAYLIGHT TIME.  
**vc** ~ Visitor Center  
**m** ~ Marina

## Spring Festival

**Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 10a.m. – 3p.m. eastern time**  
**Patoka Lake Visitor Center**

**10a.m. - 3p.m.**

**RESIDENT RED-TAILED HAWK** will be out in the backyard garden viewing area of the Visitor Center. Come take a close-up look!

**SEED SAVERS & PLANT EXCHANGE** ~ Bring your garden vegetables & flower seeds, small trees & shrubs, hostas & other plants to the Visitor Center to trade for other plants. White Pine trees will also be available to take home with you and plant in recognition of Earth Day (April 22<sup>nd</sup>).

**RECYCLERS of CRAWFORD COUNTY** ~ With handouts regarding recycling and fun ideas for reusing and reducing the amounts of trash, let's meet folks who are making a difference and learn ways that everyone can make changes for bettering our world.

**FAMILY FUN for all AGES** ~ Join in the sidewalk chalk art contest and nature craft. Enjoy games, a short nature hike, and activities including face painting and a spring relay race.

**11a.m. ~ DUTCH OVEN REGISTRATION** ~ For rules and more information call the Visitor Center 812.685.2447.

**11:30a.m. – 1:30p.m. DUTCH OVEN COOK-OFF**

**12p.m. RED-TAILED HAWK** ~ Meet the naturalist at the raptor viewing area in the backyard garden to get an extra close up look at our resident hawk. Learn why she is unable to be released into the wild. Discover the features this bird uses to hunt and survive.

**1p.m. SMOKEY BEAR** ~ a special visit from our favorite forest friend, who will be around to celebrate spring. Bring a camera and have your picture taken with Smokey.

**2p.m. TASTE OF PATOKA** ~ Enjoy the Dutch oven dishes, from desserts to main dishes. A \$2 donation per person is requested to sample the dishes and cast a ballot for your favorite culinary creation.

### Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

**VISITOR CENTER CLOSED**

### Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

**10a.m. - 3p.m. Resident Red-tailed Hawk** will be out in the backyard garden viewing area of the Visitor Center. Come take a close-up look.

**11:30p.m. Frog or Toad** ~ Spring has sprung and so have our favorite amphibians. Join the naturalist to take a look at some frogs and toads found around Patoka and learn about their differences. This short program will start inside the Visitor Center and end with a walk to the backyard garden to see if we can catch who is hopping into the water! **vc**

### Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

**VISITOR CENTER CLOSED**

### Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

**10a.m. - 3p.m. Resident Red-tailed Hawk** will be out in the backyard garden viewing area of the Visitor Center. Come take a close-up look.

**11a.m. Wildflower Wander** ~ Meet the naturalist in the backyard garden for a short stroll to see what is blooming this month around Patoka. **vc**

**12:30p.m. Animal Tracks & Signs Hike** ~ Meet the naturalist at the Garden Rock Loop Trail located in front of the Visitor Center for this 60 minute hike. It's time to discover who was in the woods this morning and what signs animals may leave behind. **vc**

### **Property Features & Facilities**

Archery Range \* Fishing \* 18-hole Disc Golf Course \* Hiking Trails \* Hunting \* Bike Trail \* Camping \* Beach \* Fitness Trail \* Nature Programs \* Picnicking \* Marinas \* U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Dam & Visitor Center

**There are 26,000 acres of land and water waiting for you!**

For more information regarding camping & visiting Patoka, access the DNR website [www.in.gov/dnr](http://www.in.gov/dnr)

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Patoka Lake Property Office (812)685-2464

### Coming in May

#### **Welcome Back Weekend**

May 7 – 8

May 7<sup>th</sup> 10a.m. Kayak Tour

This will be the first kayak tour of the season.



#### **Heritage Day**

Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

10a.m. – 3p.m.

Native American & Pioneer Crafts and Demonstrations\* Moery Cabin Tours\*  
Music\* Food Vendor \*Games & Activities for all ages!

